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1. BOTH PRO-GOVERNMENT PAPERS FEBRUARY 15 CARRIED FRONT-PAGE BANNER HEADLINES ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN'S SPEECH AT THE CENTER OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS EMPHASIZING THE POINTS OF "MODERATION" AND "DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES" AS NOTED IN THE TEXT OF HIS ADDRESS.

2. EL PAIS PUBLISHED A COLORFUL BLUE AND YELLOW-INK BANNER HEADED: "TODMAN: DISCRIMINATORY POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS; LOOK AT LATIN AMERICA SERIOUSLY." JUMPING TO THE FIRST PAGE OF ITS SECOND SECTION UNDER THE GOVERNMENT NEWS COLUMN, EL PAIS CARRIED AN AP REPORT HEADED "TODMAN MAKES SELF CRITICISM OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY."

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3. LA MANANA CARRIED A DOUBLE-DECK FRONT-PAGE BANNER HEADED "TODMAN: 'TO MODERATE' CAMPAIGN ON HUMAN RIGHTS" AND SUBHEADED, "ASKS U.S. FOR BALANCED AND REALISTIC POLICY." THE PAPER ALSO RAN A TWO-COLUMN HEAD SHOT OF TODMAN NEXT TO THE HEAD WHICH WAS CAPTIONED, "CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF THE U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY."

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4. FOLLOWING ARE FULL TEXTS OF BOTH LA MANANA AND EL PAIS ARTICLES:

5. (BEGIN LA MANA TEXT) TERENCE TODMAN, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS WHO RECENTLY VISITED URUGUAY, YESTERDAY ADVOCATED A "MORE MODERATE, BALANCED AND REALISTIC" CAMPAIGN FOR HIS COUNTRY ON HUMAN RIGHTS. TODMAN'S STATEMENT PRACTICALLY AMOUNTS TO A CRITICISM OF THE POLICY WITH WHICH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS DEALT WITH THE ISSUE UNTIL NOW.

6. TODMAN, WHO IS THE TOP U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL FOR LATIN AMERICAN POLICY, DELIVERED A SPEECH AT THE CENTER OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS OF WASHINGTON, D.C. (SIC), THROWING INTO DOUBT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE POLITICAL AND TACTICAL APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

7. "WE MUST AVOID ASSUMING THAT WE CAN DEAL WITH ONE ISSUE (LIKE THAT OF HUMAN RIGHTS) IN ISOLATION, WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE CONSEQUENCES FOR OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS," TODMAN SAID.

8. THEN HE REFERRED TO THE IMPORTANCE THAT IS GIVEN TO NEWS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES AND WHICH COMES FROM OPPOSITION SOURCES IN THOSE COUNTRIES.

9 IN THIS REGARD, HE STATED: "WE MUST AVOID BELIEVING THAT UNCLASSIFIED

ONLY THE OPPOSITION SPEAKS THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH ABOUT CONDITIONS IN THEIR COUNTRY."

10. HE POINTS OUT THAT "TACTICAL MISTAKES" AND OTHERS WHICH HE MENTIONED "DO NOT PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS," BUT "THEY SACRIFICE COMMUNICATION AND POSSIBLY INCLUENCE AND RESURRECT OLD ISSUES OF SOVEREIGNTY AND INTERVENTION."

11. CONDITION AID COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. IN HIS SPEECH, TODMAN CRITICIZED THE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS OF THE PRESENT PUNTIVE LEGISLATION WHICH CUTS AID TO COUNTRIES WHICH VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS.

12. SUCH A POLICY, TODMAN SAID, "CREATES AN IRONIC PARADOX SINCE IF WE DECIDE TO CONFINE OUR ASSISTANCE ONLY TO THOSE DEVELOPING NATIONS THAT ARE AT ONCE DESPERATELY POOR AND MODELS OF ENLIGHTENED DEMOCRACY, WE RISK CRIPPLING OUR ABILITY TO CON-TRIBUTE TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA."

13. IN SUM, TODMAN FORESAW THAT IF THIS CRITERION CONTINUES TO BE APPLIED TO HEMISPHERE FOREIGN AID, "BY 1980 U.S. BILATERAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE UNAVAILABLE TO MOST THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA."

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14. BUT IN AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID GIVING THE IDEA THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING TEMPERING ITS ATTITUDE ON HUMAN RIGHTS FOR LATIN AMERICA, TODMAN WARNED THAT THIS WAS NOT THE CASE SINCE THAT CAMPAIGN "ALREADY HAS STRUCK A RESPONSIVE CHORD" THROUGHOUT THE HEMISPHERE.

15. "WHILE TAKING CARE TO AVOID SUCH MISTAKES, WE WILL NOT BY ANY MEANS RETREAT INTO SILENCE OR INDIFFERENCE," HE SAID.

16. "WE WILL WEIGH ALL OF OUR RELATIONSHIPS (WITH LATIN AMERICA AND THE CRIBBEAN) TO ENSURETHATTHEY CONTRIBUTE, NOT TO THE RESTRICTION OR DENIAL, BUT TO THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS."

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17. "WE MUST PTOCEED ON THE CONVICTION THAT I CONSIDER TO BE THE ONLY BASIS FOR HOPE AND OPTIMISM IN OUR HEMISPHEREIC RELATIONS: THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO ADVANCE THE RIGHTS AND MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL HUMAN BEINGS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, RESPECTING THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS."

18. 'THE CORNERSTONE.' IF HUMAN RIGHTS "ARE THE CORNERSTONE" OF THE LATIN AMERICAN POLICY OF THIS GOVERNMENT, THERE ALSO HAS BEEN ACTION IN OTHER AREAS OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION.

19. AMONG SUCH AREAS HE MENTIONED THE PANAMA CANAL, A "MORE RATIONAL CONTEXT" ON CUBA, BETTER RELATIONS WITH COUNTIES SUCH AS MEXICO AND VENEZUELA AND A GREATER EMPHASIS ON CARIBBEAN ISSUES, WHILE GIVING MORE SUPPORT TO REGIONAL DISARMAMENT AND NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION. (END OF LA MANANA TEXT)

20. (BEGIN EL PAIS TEXT). AP NEWS DISPATCHES FROM NEW YORK POINT OUT THAT TERENCE A. TODMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, ADMITTED THAT JIMMY CARTER'S GOVERNMENT HAS DEALT DIFFERNTLY WITH GOVERNMENT THAT HAVE BEEN ACCUSED OF VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS. HE STATED THAT WASHINGTON'S FOREIGN POLICY MUST AVOID CONDEMING LANGUAGE SUCH AS WOULD OFFEND NOT ONLY REGIMES BEING ATTACKED BUT THE PEOPLE OF THOSE COUNTRIES.

21. TODMAN ALSO ADMITTED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ATTITUDE OF CONFRONTATION THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ASSUMED TOWARD THE BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR PROJECT HAS BEEN COUNTERPRODUCTIVE FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES.

2. THE REMARKS OF THE HIGH U.S. HEMISPHERE OFFICIAL CONFIRM THAT TODMAN IS AN EXPONENT OF THE SECTOR WHICH IS MORE FAVORABLE TO NOT SANCTIONING MILITARY REGIMES, IN CONTRAST WITH THE

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OPPOSITE POSITION ASSUMED BY OFFICIALS OF THE STATE AND
TREASURY DEPARTMENTS.

23. TODMAN STRESSED THAT NICARAGUAN PRESIDENT ANASTASIO SOMOZA
HAS SHOWN WILLINGNESS TO DIALOGUE RECENTLY AND SAID THAT THE
ASSASSINATED JOURNALIST PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMARRO HAD AGREED TO
DIALOGUE WITH SOMOZA BEFORE THE FORMER WAS ASSASSINATED LAST
MONTH.

24. ON THE OTHER HAND, HE BITTERLY ATTACKED THE SANDINISTA
AND-SOMOZA GUERILLA NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT, MAINTAINING THAT
IF WASHINGTON WANTS TO DIALOGUE --IN THE NICARAGUAN CASE--WITH
THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO
CONVERSE WITH THOSE WHO PROCLAIM ARMED WARFARE TO OVERTHROW THE
SOMOZA FAMILY REGIME.

25. TODMAN, IN A DISCUSSION WITH BUSINESSMEN, PROFESSIONALS
AND NEWSMEN INVOLVED IN LATIN AMERICA AT A FORUM SPONSORED
BY THE CENTER OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS, CLARIFIED THAT IT IS
POSSIBLE THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION HAS HAD NATIONAL
SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND IN THE SELECTION OF GOVERN-
MENTS ACCUSEDOF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THIS WAS IN ANSWER
TO A QUESTION AS TO WHY THE WHITE HOUSE CRITICIZED THE REGIMES
OF ARGENTINA AND URUGUAY, FOR EXAMPLE, AND MAINTAINED GOOD
RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, LIKEWISE ACCUSED OF
COMMITTING THE PRESUMED VIOLATIONS.

26. TODMAN, THE FIRST BLACK DIPLOMAT TO HEAD THE STATE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR LATIN AMERICA, STRESSED THAT DURING THE
COURSE OF THE FIRST YEAR OF CARTER'S ADMINISTRATION, PROGRESS HAD
BEEN MADE IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD IN LATIN AMERICA AND WARNED
THAT IF HE (CARTER) FAVORS A POLICY OF NON-INTERVENTION IN THE
INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REGION, THIS CAN NOT BE CONFUSED WITH
INDIFFERENCE OR ISOLATION. IT IS ONE THING TO SAY THAT WE WILL
NOT PUT OUR HANDS WHERE THEY DO NOT BELONG AND IT'S ANOTHER
THING TO THINK THAT WE CAN ABANDON OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD; WE
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CANNOT LEAVE THE WORLD, HE COMMENTED.

27. TODMAN CRITICIZED THE LACK OF NEWS ABOUT LATIN AMERICAN IN
THE UNITED STATES, AND APPEALED TO HIS COURNALIST FREINDS TO
DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS.

28. "THE AMERICAN PRESS HAS A TENDENCY TO SEE LATIN AMERICA

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IN DRAMATIC AND SENSATIONAL TERMS. WE MUST TURN OURSELVES A
LITTLE TOWARD THE SOUTH TO REALIZE --FOR EXAMPLE"" THAT
BRAZIL IF A LAND LARGER THAN THE CONTINENTAL PART OF OUR
COUNTRY," HE SAID. (END OF EL PAIS TEXT).
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